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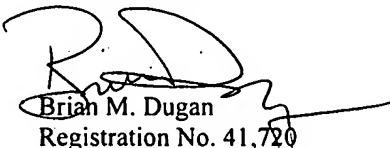
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,  
applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the  
following references:

U.S. Patent No. 4,033,288, Woellhaf et al.  
U.S. Patent No. 5,435,075, Shiraishi et al.  
U.S. Patent No. 5,624,501, Gill, Jr., Gerald L.  
U.S. Patent No. 6,125,551, Bushong et al.  
U.S. Patent No. 6,230,753, Jone et al.  
U.S. Patent No. 6,269,552, Honda et al.

U.S. Patent No. 6,286,524, Okuchi et al.  
U.S. Patent No. 3,993,018, Kranik et al.  
U.S. Patent No. 4,385,587, James et al.  
U.S. Patent No. 5,174,045, Thompson et al.  
U.S. Patent No. 5,468,302, Thietje, Jerry  
U.S. Patent No. 2002/0121341, Tanaka et al.  
Foreign Art Reference No. JP 58-9325 (Japan)  
Foreign Art Reference No. JP 58-203630 (Japan)  
Foreign Art Reference No. JP 59-121839 (Japan)  
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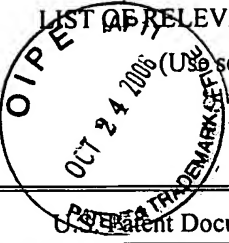
Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this  
patent application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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|                       | US-2            | 5,435,075  | Shiraishi et al.     |       |          |                            |  |
|                       | US-3            | 5,624,501  | Gill, Jr., Gerald L. |       |          |                            |  |
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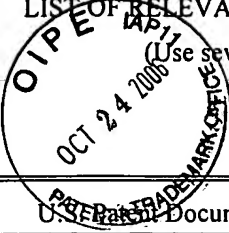
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